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In re application of: Brian M. Bass, et al

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Technology Center 2100

For: **NETWORK SWITCH AND COMPONENTS AND METHOD
OF OPERATION**

Group Art Unit: 2155

Examiner: Dinh, Khanh Q.

NOTICE OF APPEAL
FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated December 1, 2003, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 10-13, 43 and 44.

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The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. No extension of time is required.
2. This Notice of Appeal filing is a timely response to the final rejection.
3. The fee of \$330.00 is

Enclosed.

Not required. (Fee paid in prior appeal.)

Charged to Deposit Account No. 09-1990. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any additional fees or to credit any overpayment to the designated Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Date: March 1, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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